(d) Letter of Intents have been issued to three parties in Private Sector for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs.

(e) The revised composite application from ET & T is yet to be received.

Suggestion of the Electronics Commission

2114. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the suggestions of the Electronics Commission;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure rewards for technical enterprise by way of preferential treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Various recommendations made by the Electronics Commission regarding Electronics Policy and Growth Objectives 1980-81 are under consideration of the Government.

Medium Irrigation Projects of Andhra Pradesh

2115. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposa's for approval of four Medium irrigation projects viz. (a) Chagalnadu Lift Irrigation Scheme (2) Ehupatipalem Scheme Researvoir Scheme across Seethapalli Vagu (3) Kovvadakala Reservoir Scheme across Kovvada Kalva and (4) Peederu Reservoir scheme across Pedderu river; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to give clearance to these medium irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Of the 4 medium irrigation projects only Pedderu Reservoir, Stage-I, was cleared during 1977. A revised estimate of this Project for ultimate stage was received in November, 1985, when more than 75 per cent work had been completed. The question of its appraisal, therefore, was not considered worthwhile.

Indo-Us Sub-Commission on Science and Technology

2116. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the original proposal for the project under the Indo-US sub-commission on Science and Technology, as approved by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Science Foundation, the Delhi component of E 706 is to provide steel absorber plates in the liquid argon calorimeter and read out electronics for the silicon microstrip detectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that read-out electronic items costing about Rs 18 lakhs in foreign exchange are proposed to be bought from Nanometric systems Inc US, and standard Engineering Inc. USA; and

(c) whether the 40 per cent foreign exchange component includes the reimbursement to the university of Rochester for equipment purchased on behalf of the University of Delhi and a "micro VAX" II computer system with peripherals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No equipment is being purchased through Nanometric Systems Indo-US and standard Engineering Indo-US by the Delhi Group.

(c) While there is no component of foreign exchange approved in the budget of the project, the amount due to University of Rochester for the equipment purchased on behalf of the University of Delhi, was reimbursed under OGL. The Micro Vax II Computer System was purchased through Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC) Government of India, against Rupee Payment.

Winding up of Group Insurance scheme in the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha

2117. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha authorities have wound up the Group Insurance scheme introduced in the Council five years back and started a new scheme;

(b) whether the amount deposited under the old scheme in the Bank has been disbursed to the employees with interest;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether any action has been taken in this matter if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has reported that the principal amount recovered from the employees towards savings funds has been remitted to 82 Units out of 85 Units covered by the scheme As soon as the bills are received from the remaining Units the remittance will be made. The interest payable is being worked out and the same wil be disbursed to the employees after observing necessary formalities in this regard.

Salary of Employees of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha

2118. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the disbursement of salary of the employees of Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has been delayed due to non-release of funds in time from the Health Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Research Employees Welfare Association brought this to Government's notice;

(d) if so, the steps taken for permanent settlement of the problem; and

(e) whether action has been taken or contemplated to be taken against the erring officials responsible for delay in disbursement of salaries to staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has reported that there has been some delay in disbursement of salaries to its employees due to non-release of funds in time from the Ministry.

(c) Yes, Sir. The representation received from the Research Employees Welfare Association was sent to the Council for suitable action.

(d) and (e) The Council is being advised to avoid such delays.